GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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Staff in Radio Stations
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that many radio stations in various States including in tribal areas, are facing shortage of officers/staff;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether no staff has been posted at various radio stations already set up in different States;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Gujarat; and

(e) the further steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to address the issue for smooth broadcasting of various programmes from these understaffed stations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING [COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)]

(a) to (e): Though there are vacancies in All India Radio stations in various States including in tribal areas, there is a need to reassess actual requirement of staff in Prasar Bharati, keeping in view changes in broadcast technologies. Prasar Bharati has been advised to carry out a Manpower Audit to identify posts actually needed to be filled up. Prasar Bharati has informed that at various radio stations already set up in different States, including Gujarat, bare minimum staff has been posted for meeting functional requirements. Further, Radio stations are being run by redeployment of staff and by engaging personnel on contractual basis.